

The U.S. Embassy Paramaribo invites you to take part in its “Safe to Speak” Freedom of the Press contest. Submit one original reply to the following questions:

- Why is it important for Suriname to have independent news media?

How to Participate

- Post your answer on the thread featuring the question on the U.S. Embassy Paramaribo Facebook page between April 22 and 30.
- Select finalists will be asked to provide the following information: name, date of birth, place of birth, email, telephone number, city of residence by emailing facebookparamaribo@state.gov
- *After submission, no changes may be made.*

Submission Criteria

- THERE IS NO FEE TO ENTER THIS CONTEST.
- The Contest is open to all Surinamese nationals living in Suriname. We apologize but media workers are not eligible to enter the contest, nor are journalism students.
- Contestants cannot be a U.S. citizen or Legal Permanent Resident.
- Employees of the U.S. Embassy Paramaribo and their immediate family members (spouses and children) are not eligible to participate.
- Submissions must be original, between 150 and 200 words in either Dutch or English.
- Participants may only submit one entry
- To qualify, Submitters must provide accurate and complete information.
- By entering this competition, entrants declare that they have read and accept the contest rules.
- The Contest begins on April 22, 2013 and ends April 30 at midnight local time.

Judging

Winner will be selected by combination of most likes on Facebook and the vote of a panel of judges at the Embassy. Submissions will be reviewed based on the following criteria:

- Relevance to the theme “Safe to Speak: Securing Freedom of Expression in All Media”.
- Creativity and originality
- How well submission reflects Suriname culture

The winner will be awarded the prize publicly Friday, May 3, 2013 at the American Movie Night at CCS.

Before naming the winners, the Review Panel reserves the right to verify that the procedure for participation of the potential winner is in full compliance with these Official Rules. If the U.S. Embassy fails to make contact with a potential finalist or winner, then the finalist will be disqualified and the committee will deem the next highest scoring design as the new finalist.

Prizes

The overall winner will receive an iPad.

Winner must be present to collect prize, if he/she cannot then he/she will be disqualified and the contestant with the next highest number of votes will be chosen.

Requirements, Restrictions and Regulations

- Entries must not contain any obscene or sexually explicit material, factors that may incite violence or the use of drugs or alcohol, or sales promotions.
- Entries also must not have images or content that may be considered abusive, derogatory, or disrespectful to the competition, groups, individuals or institutions.
- Entry submitted by the participant must be the original, and should not be subject to copyright and must not violate or harm others' intellectual property rights, privacy and publicity of third parties (except as expressly permitted below)
- Entries must comply with both U.S. and Surinamese law. The content must be suitable for viewing by a global audience.
- Once a submission has been posted or emailed to the U.S. Embassy in Paramaribo, the competitor's name and city of origin may be disclosed publicly at the discretion of the Embassy.
- The competitor is responsible for the material in the entry and for the consequences of publication on Facebook.
- In case of sabotage or tampering by one or more of their competitors, or by persons acting on their behalf, the Embassy reserves the sole right to disqualify such persons.
- If for any reason, the contest does not take place as planned due to force majeure including infection by computer virus, tampering, unauthorized intervention, fraud, technical failures, or any other cause which could adversely affect management, security, integrity and proper conduct of the Contest, the Embassy reserves the right to cancel, modify or terminate the Contest.
- By entering the competition you agree to not hold responsible any staff of the U.S. Government regarding claims for damages, obligations, losses, liabilities, costs, debt, and expenses (including

legal limits) resulting from: (i) the use of and access to Facebook and Web sites of contests on the contest, (ii) violation of these Official Rules or the terms and conditions of service for Facebook, (iii) violation of any rights of third parties, violations of copyright, trademark, privacy, publicity or other proprietary rights in the contest, or any damage caused to third parties from the picture published.

- The Embassy will not be held responsible for any disputes between competitors. Please note, if the competitors act in an inappropriate manner then they can be disqualified.
- Contestants retain ownership of their submission. However, by submitting it in the contest, entrants grant the Embassy a license to use the content, non-exclusively and royalty-free to reproduce, distribute, and/or view in any format and through any media channels for an indefinite period in connection with the activities and operations of the competition and for the purposes of public diplomacy efforts.
- The Embassy and the review panel reserve the right to reject entries that do not comply with the Contest rules or applicable laws.
- The Embassy reserves the right at all times to check the validity of the competitors and disqualify those found not complying with these Regulations or the Terms and Conditions dictated by Facebook, or anyone accused of acting in bad faith, in an unsportsmanlike manner, or with the intent to annoy, abuse, threaten or harass any other person. The Embassy also reserves the right to request additional documentation to verify eligibility and compliance with these Regulations.

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